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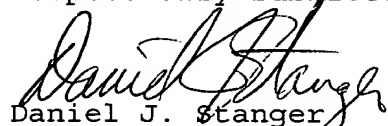
Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR §1.313(c)(3) and request that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue so that Applicants may file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal in order to obtain consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement, submitted herewith.

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 with the cited references. The cited references are: EP 0 809 219; EP 0 616 296; P. Herrmann et al, "Retrieval of Document Images Using Layout Knowledge", pp. 537-540; M. Junker et al, "Evaluating OCR and Non-OCR Text Representations for Learning Document Classifiers", pp. 1060-1066; and Tun-Wen Pai et al, "An Intelligent Chinese Official Document Processing System", pp. 974-977.

All of the references were cited in a search report issued on April 26, 2004 in a corresponding European application.

The necessary fees for the Petition and the RCE are also enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1417 for any additional fees that are deemed necessary.

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